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"A SONG AND A LAUGH"

June Millington *and* Over Our Heads

June Millington - Singer/Composer

Friday, January 19, 1990

Hotel El Rancho

1029 West Capitol Avenue, West Sacramento

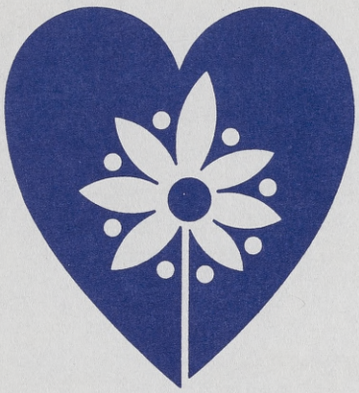
Social Hour	**6:30 - 7:30 p.m.**
June Millington	**7:30 p.m.**
Over Our Heads	**8:30 p.m.**

Vegetables, fruit, chips and dips will be served.

Over Our Heads - Improvisational Comediennes

Because of our members' needs for confidentiality, only women over 21 will be allowed to attend this event.

Annual Valentine's Dance



Saturday, February 17, 1990

Social Hour 7 - 8 p.m.
Dance 8 - 12 p.m.
D.J.

Because of our members' need for confidentiality, only women over 21 will be allowed to attend this event.

Dianne Davidson

Concert A "Disaster"

The organizers of SACWN events are highly efficient and hardworking, so it is difficult to criticize any of their efforts, but the Dianne Davidson Disaster has to be an exception.

The evening began with a lengthy delay in a stuffy, crowded corridor waiting for the doors to open. We were told that there had been problems with the sound system and the room assignment.

When we entered the room we were faced with rows of chairs — not the comfortable cabaret environment that we had envisioned.

Ms. Davidson performed well but complained several times about the room and the sound. Her concert was well-balanced in content and style and her voice was vibrant and powerful.

However, there was too much sound for the undersized room. The music was loud and many SACWNites chose to enjoy the concert from the outside hall or leave early.

In addition, there were rumblings that a concert advertised for "women only - over 21" included a child and several males in the audience.

Overall, this event rated an "F." The grade is probably influenced by the fact that most of SACWN's programs and events are outstanding, so this one stood out for its logistical errors.

But even in this negative review, I must acknowledge the fact that a handful of women put in many volunteer hours to provide the rest of us with education and entertainment. Thank you for your efforts.

"Critique"

"No Children" Policy Clarified

Recently, at the Dianne Davidson Cabaret Show and Performance, one of our subscribers challenged SACWN's Policy, RE: No Children under 21 years of age allowed to attend SACWN programs and/or events. She prevailed and her 14-year-old daughter was allowed to enter the concert area. In doing so, the daughter recognized one of SACWN's subscribers who happens to be in the teaching profession. This was a breach of confidentiality. For this, the Steering Committee humbly apologizes and is truly sorry this happened.

SACWN's Policy has been, currently is, and will continue to be that **NO** children will be allowed to attend any SACWN events or programs, with the exception of the May picnic. This May event has been well-publicized and specially states that children are welcomed for this picnic.

As our programs and events become more popular, subscribers may want SACWN to make exceptions. There can be no exceptions. Respecting SACWN's policy assures all of us of confidentiality, and makes SACWN a safe place for all subscribers to congregate. Let's keep it that way.

SACWN Steering Committee

PROFILE

Linda Joplin: State NOW Coordinator

(Editor's Note: To increase pride and understanding about the diversity and accomplishments of our membership, the Newsletter will Profile SACWNites as frequently as possible. Please phone your suggestions for future Profiles to the Editor at 429-2806.)

Linda Joplin is a woman with a mission: To help women realize that "there is strength in the knowledge that we are not alone and that we are all working for equality for all people."

A native Californian, Joplin has converted the discrimination she experienced as a student and teacher into a determination to help effect change, as the State Coordinator for the California National Organization for Women (NOW).

"When I was in high school in Oakland I was interested in sports," she recalls. At that time, "the level of discrimation was blatant — we were allowed to start a girls' swim team,

but we had to practice at 6 a.m." so boys practice sessions would not be disrupted.

In the late '60s, Joplin and other women PE majors at Cal State University Long Beach were not allowed to take certain PE courses.

Later, armed with her Teaching Credential, she taught at a high school in Manteca from 1972 to 1976. She says of her experience: "I took Title 9 to them." (Title 9 is a sex equity law which requires that girls receive an education equal to that received by boys).

"We had to deal with the blatant sexism of the system" she continues. "They were willing to add girls' teams if they didn't impact on what the boys were doing in terms of buses, locker rooms, etc."

She recalls that schools in the mid-'70s were starting to open up shop and home education classes to everyone, but

Linda Joplin, 41, considers herself to be a "situational extrovert" who is good at seeing what needs to be done. When she sees that a break from her demanding schedule is needed, she retreats to a cabin on the Trinity River, enjoying the river and chopping wood.

"there was no encouragement for girls to take shop at that time."

Joplin's passage from Manteca to Sacramento has included earning her Masters degree in PE from CSU Sacramento and an involvement with the UC Davis Lesbian Drop-In Rap Group, through which she met her present lover — 13½ years ago.

She became active in NOW during the Equal Rights Amendment Ratification Campaign in 1980, and was one of the founding members and the chapter coordinator of Yolo County NOW.

With California NOW, Joplin co-chaired a State Conference and served as State Administrative Coordinator and Membership Coordinator before becoming the State Coordinator.

"I remember the date very clearly," Joplin adds. "It was July 3, 1989, the day the U.S. Supreme Court made the Webster Decision allowing states to place restrictions on abortion rights."

"A lot of people thought this issue was settled, that individuals had the right to decide when and where to have a child," she says.

Looking at the current status of women and lesbians, Joplin believes that "most of the blatant discrimination has been rectified," but warns, "discrimination is much more subtle now."

"The proliferation of organizations has had a positive

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impact on all of us, especially younger women who don't have to search for support when there is none," the way women used to.

"But," she cautions, "instances of hatred toward women, especially lesbians, are apparent."

Looking ahead to a new decade, Joplin points to reproductive rights and lesbian rights as major concerns.

"Reproductive rights impact on lesbians because more are choosing to have children and lesbian custody is an issue for many," Joplin explains. "I encourage lesbians to see reproductive rights in the broader concept" and realize that "those who would take away reproductive rights also would force all of us back into the closet if they could."

"The whole concept of choice includes the right to be a lesbian," she emphasizes, noting that NOW will introduce Domestic Partnership legislation in the next few years.

The struggle for lesbian rights continues to intensify, as is evidenced by discrimination against women and lesbians in the military. Terming it "another way to control women," Joplin says the government is "prosecuting women on flimsy evidence and is releasing more women than men from the military."

"Military witch hunts to harass women who may be lesbians" recently were successful in mustering out a woman who had a non-military friend who is a lesbian, Joplin notes.

What can each of us do to help retain and retrieve our rights as women and lesbians?

Joplin urges: "Write letters to your legislators, get involved in the 1990 elections — select a candidate and work in a campaign, join one of the many organizations which work for women's rights, and plan to attend the National NOW Conference which will be held in San Francisco from June 28 to July 1, 1990."

"We need to take control of who we elect, and vote for pro-choice candidates." Sixty-six percent of California is pro-choice, but less than 50% of the elected officials can be counted on to vote our issues," she emphasized.

California NOW, which also has a strong commitment to women of color, has 50 chapters in the state with 30,000 members.

For information about California NOW or local chapters, call 442-3414.

"We Can Help"

Intruder beats two women

No suspect has been identified in the brutal beating of two Sacramento women who were attacked by an intruder early Sunday, police said.

The women, ages 37 and 34, were asleep in their home in the 8800 block of Santa Ynez Way when a man climbed through a window and attacked them with a bat, Sgt. Bob Burns said.

Burns said investigators believe the intruder climbed through an open window at 6:10 a.m. Nothing was taken from the house.

Proceeds are being taken to help the victims. Contact Jackie Ledbetter, 456-2541.

STAY SAFE

by Marghe Richards

Personal safety is an increasingly important issue for women — especially lesbian women. As our society becomes more conservative — attacks on women become more frequent and more violent. Statistics indicate the lesbians are at least four times (some studies say higher) more at risk than gay men.

We at SACWN have put together a few suggestions for a safer, more worry-free New Year.

- **Think ahead - Think defensively.**
- **Keep car doors locked while driving -** Red-light bandits will open unlocked car doors stopped at red lights and steal purses, packages — or do worse.
- **Park in lighted areas ONLY.** Don't walk alone in deserted mall or underground parking lots — That's what security guards are for — call one to escort you.
- **Always check your back seat before getting in the car.**
- **Carry a small light on your keychain so that you can enter your car or house quickly if need be.**
- **Carry a shrill whistle on your keychain —** or if you need help yell **"Fire,"** you'll get a quicker response than if you yell "Help."
- **Make your home as safe as possible.** Get an alarm system AND USE IT! Alarms with panic buttons range from $300 and up (They can be owned by you or by the company which will then maintain and repair).
- **Put dowels in your windows.**
- **Keep 911 on your automatic dialer**
- Get a **SACWN** group or office group together, call Midge Marino, arrange for a workshop, and give yourself the gift of personal safety and self-defense skills you will never lose.
- Run some **"what if"** scenarios in your head. Imagine yourself in various places and situations and plan ahead about what you do to keep yourself safe. It will set your mind at ease and keep you from being caught unaware.

I wish a Happy — and safe — New Year to you all.

Celebrating Our Pride: Contributions and Dedication

Do you remember being a teenager? Coming to terms with your sexual identity, then suddenly discovering you had a "crush" on the female student who sat to your right, or on that female civics teacher. What did you do? How did you handle this? Could you talk to your school counselor about this feeling? Probably not. You had to suffer through the school year feeling alone, afraid, and very confused.

The River City Democratic Club in November hosted the Sixth Annual Lambda Awards Dinner, with the Keynote Speaker being Dr. Virginia Uribe, who developed Project 10. The Dinner also honored seven individuals including two SACWN contributors for their significant assistance to the gay and lesbian community.

Project 10 is a dropout prevention program aimed at offering information, emotional support, and resources to young people who identify themselves as lesbian, gay, or bisexual. Its focus is education, reduction of harrassment, and integration with other dropout prevention programs. Project 10 was started in the Los Angeles Unified School District in 1984 and since that time, has become a model for other schools and other school districts. For the cost of one school dropout, a school district could implement a Project 10.

Dr. Virginia Uribe

". . . school districts need to acknowledge that gay and lesbian teenagers do exist on campus . . ."

Dr. Uribe stated that school districts need to acknowledge that gay and lesbian teenagers do exist on campus, that they should be given equal rights within the educational system, that 10% of the teachers in the school system should be gay and lesbian, and that the high teenage suicide rate (possibly as high as 30% as estimated by the State Department of Health and Human Services) could be due to sexual role confusion and this fact needs to be addressed.

Dr. Uribe recommended that material dealing with the subject of homosexuality be bolstered in all school libraries, that all teachers receive training about the subject of homosexuality, that codes of discipline for harrassment be established in all school systems, and finally, that budgets be increased to develop Project 10s in all school systems, starting at the junior high level.

Her statements were warmly received by the audience, but the question remained unanswered as to why none of the school districts in the Sacramento area have implemented a Project 10. Are they aware of this Los Angeles-area program? If not, what can members of our community do?

Further information can be obtained by writing to PROJECT 10, VIRGINIA URIBE, Fairfax High School, 7850 Melrose Ave., Los Angeles, CA 90046.

Additionally, the Dinner honored CSU Sacramento Professor, *Dr. Marty Rogers;* Educator and Sacramentos Men's Chorus member, *Dennis Mangers;* Attorney and Co-Chair of CAP/PAC, *Carolyn Langenkamp;* Senate Small Business Committee and Founding Co-Chair CAP/PAC *Doug Brown;* "No on A & D Campaign," UC Davis Women's Center, UC Davis AIDS Task Force, "Invisible Employee," and Take Back the Night Founder, *Joy Fergoda;* "No on 6," GLAD Speakers Bureau, Phi Alpha Gamma, 3rd World Forum and UC Davis Award recipient, *Mache Parker Sanderson;* and the CSUS Gay Fraternity, *Delta Lambda Phi.*

Joy Fergoda is a long-time SACWN subscriber and Carolyn Langenkamp is a past subscriber and one of SACWN's Program speakers. SACWN should be very proud of both of these two special women, as they have contributed so much to our community.

Linda S. Ragnetti

SEGMENTS

❦ In November a majority of the Davis City Council adopted a resolution declaring the university town a "pro-choice city."

The resolution, introduced by Councilwoman Ann Evans, had the support of the Yolo County chapter of the National Organization for Women and a dozen other community groups.

It expresses support for "the rights of women to exercise procreative freedom" and calls upon other governmental agencies to respect this right by keeping abortion legal, by new and better birth-control research and other actions.

The resolution would be a symbolic statement — with no force of law — similar to resolutions passed by cities in Santa Clara and Los Angeles counties.

❦ California's Commission On The Status Of Women had Felicia Stewart, M.D., of the Valley Center for Women's Health, as its guest speaker recently. Dr. Stewart, a Harvard graduate and co-author of *Understanding Your Body: Every-woman's Guide to Gynecology and Health* (New York: Bantam Books, 1988) spoke on "Preventive Health Care for Women." The following are excerpts from that presentation.

In setting health priorities it is helpful to review the leading causes of death and illness for women in the second half of their lives.

Tops on the list is cancer, with breast cancer and lung cancer overshadowing all other types. Breast cancer casuses 40,000 deaths in the United States each year; about 4,400 in California. Participation in a systematic screening program can reduce a woman's risk by at least 30%.

Heart disease is the number two killer for women in the second half of their lives.

Stroke, liver disease and lung disease — third, fourth, and fifth on the top 10 list of diseases which affect women and are also preventable. High blood pressure is the most important risk factor for strokes. Alcohol abuse is responsible for almost all liver disease. Smoking is the risk factor for lung disease.

Diabetes ranks sixth, accidents rank seventh, suicide ranks eighth and automobile fatalities rank ninth.

"It is clear, in reviewing the leading causes of death for women, that well-known and simple preventable steps and a few routine health services, are needed if we are serious about reducing the risk of death and illness for women in California . . . "

Other important issues which do not make the top 10 list, are:

Access to prenatal care and to reproductive health care in general;

Competent pregnancy care, the help needed to overcome infertility problems, or to prevent pregnancy, and access to safe abortion when birth control fails.

Genital warts, the most important risk factor for cervical cancer, required 100,000 medical visits for treatment in California — the single most widespread sexually transmitted disease (STD). At the same time, funds for family planning care have been cut, and with this cut a decline is inevitable in Pap smear screening for women most at risk for cervical cancer.

We face a growing AIDS threat for women. Women do not have special protection against AIDS. Prevention is the only effective approach to AIDS, and the most important weapon for all sexually transmitted diseases. Health education, and truly accessible health services for sexually transmitted disease infection screening tests and treatment are essential health priorities.

Suggested Reading:

No More Hot Flashes and Other Good News.
Penny W. Budoff. New York: C.P. Putnam's Sons, 1983.

Understanding Your Body.
Felicia H. Stewart, Felicia Guest, Gary Stewart and Robert Hatcher. New York: Bantam Books, 1988.

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❦ *The California NOW ACTIVIST,* December issue, warns us against Auto Insurance Discrimination. Thanks to the research of Patrick Butler, Twiss Butler, and Laurie Williams of the NOW Insurance Project, we are provided with some startling facts.

Data from the U.S. Department of Transportation shows that at every age of their lifetime, men, as a class, drive twice as many miles as women. The average annual mileage for men is 14,000 per year, while women average only 6,400 miles per year. In addition, research shows that men have twice as many accidents as women. The importance of these facts is not that women are better or safer drivers than men, but that accidents are proportional to mileage. The more one drives, the more one is exposing the car to the risk of accident. Therefore, NOW has concluded that mileage is a measurement of both the car's exposure to risk of accidents and the cost of providing insurance protection for its owners and users.

Nearly 80% of all insured cars fall into the unisex "adult" class, which is usually for drivers over 25. Men and women pay the same premium within this class. Which class a person falls into is determined by factors such as territory, type of car, and varied estimates of miles driven. Unisex ratings are not sex neutral. Indeed, they are clearly discriminatory. Women drive half as many miles as men, yet pay the same premium as the men in their class. Thus, they ultimately pay twice as much as men per mile for identical coverage. To put it in practical terms, a woman who has an annual premium of $700 and drives 7,000 miles in the covered year is paying 10¢ per mile for coverage. Meanwhile, a man in the same $700 premium class who drives 14,000 miles is then paying only 5¢ per mile for coverage.

NOW doesn't pretend this system discriminates against all women or that all men get a bargain. Certainly the existence of high mileage female drivers and low mileage male drivers cannot be disputed. But since women on the average drive half as many miles as men, women, as well as the elderly, sick, unemployed, and other generally low mileage drivers, make up a large portion of the victims of this inequitable rating system.

Research indicates that the economic impact upon women is enormous. As a class, women are being overcharged by approximately 30%. This figure translates into a minimum overcharge to women of $2 billion, or $150 per woman annually.

ACTION ALERT!

Write a Letter to the Editor of *The Sacramento Bee* or *Union* on sex discrimination in auto insurance rate setting.

A Letter to the Editor is a simple, inexpensive and effective way to *influence local opinion and heighten public awareness* about an issue. Legislators and opinion leaders read them every day to help keep themselves tuned-in to community interests and issues.

Upcoming NOW Events:

The California NOW Legislative Workshop on January 20 is Feminist Lobbying 1A. Learn the basics of lobbying your legislator and impacting legislation on our issues. Assemblymember Lucille Roybal-Allard will be the guest speaker. The workshop will be held in the Rotunda Room of the Veterans' Memorial Building in Culver City from 9:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. Following the workshop is a reception celebrating the 17th anniversary of Roe v. Wade. The reception, "In Defense of Freedom," is from 5 to 7 p.m. in Brentwood. For more information, contact Henri Galina-Rosin at (213) 471-7911.

The California NOW Legislative Reception in Sacramento will be held January 30 from 5:30 to 7:30 p.m. at the Capitol Plaza Halls. This year NOW will honor its first recipients of the "California NOW Legislator of the Year" awards. Assemblymember Jackie Speier and Senator Becky Morgan are the honorees. For more information, contact the California NOW office at (916) 442-3414.

❦ **CONGRATULATIONS** to Democratic Assemblywoman Lucy Killea, who claimed victory in December in a special San Diego County State Senate election that focused largely on abortion. Killea, who captured 60,012 votes, or 50.6%, to 58,489, or 49.4%, for Republican Asemblywoman Carol Bentley, had her pro-choice candidacy transformed into a national cause after a Catholic Bishop denied her Communion because of her pro-choice stance.

Thought for the Month

"Far better it is to dare mighty things, to win glorious triumphs, even though checkered by failure, than to rank with those poor spirits who neither enjoy much nor suffer much, because they live in the gray twilight that knows not victory nor defeat."

– *Theodore Roosevelt*

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Program Committee

Program Coordinator Needed

I know you are out there. You are an energetic SACWN member who is looking for a way to contribute to her community. Keenly aware of the importance of having a safe and comfortable place for lesbians, you want to help choose the SACWN programs for the 1990s. You are a busy woman who doesn't have a lot of time, but a small voice within you is nudging you to take a risk and stretch yourself. But you may be saying, "I've never had any board experience. I'm not qualified to take the position."

What you may not know is that the SACWN Board is there to nurture you and give you the support you will need to be successful. You won't have to do this alone.

We need a good woman to be the SACWN Program Coordinator. Someone who can set up and coordinate events. Someone who will enjoy networking with the type of celebrities like Joann Loulan, June Millington, and Dianne Davidson to find the right mixture of speakers for SACWN programs.

I know you are out there. Please call Rosanna at 451-1682 and let me know who you are.

Some questions arose after the Dianne Davidson concert that I'd like to address. Someone asked why there were four men at the event. While SACWN's programs are usually closed to men, Dianne Davidson's contract required us to sell tickets to anyone who came to the door.

There was also a concern about a 15-year-old woman who was allowed to attend the concert with her mother. The mother had an unexpected problem with childcare and had already purchased her ticket. At the time, I wasn't aware of SACWN's policy of only allowing women 21 and older to attend events. This policy is based on the need to assure confidentiality for our SACWN members who may be teachers. Needless to say, I made a mistake that won't be repeated in the future.

Finally, a special thank you to Sally, Jesse, Susan, Jane and Jane's friend who came early and helped with the Holiday Party decorations.

January's program will be one of the most entertaining and exciting events SACWN has ever produced. I hope to see you there.

Rosanna Herber
Steering Committee Coordinator

Networking Committee

Networking in the '90s

HUBBA NEW YEAR from the Networking Committee! Here's to a Nineties of Networking! The incoming Networking Committee plans to meet with the outgoing committee members in January to coordinate ideas and facilitate a smooth transition of services to members. We appreciate all the hard work done by the last committee and are proud to follow in their footsteps. Thank you also to the new volunteers. We'll look forward to working and having fun together.

We're now putting together our March Networking Program, which promises to be a "hubbabaloo." However, we could still use some volunteers to help make it happen. Volunteers would also be appreciated to help "people" the HUB at programs. Please call Susan at 451-9691 if you can donate some time, energy or ideas.

Don't forget about our dandy new SACWN directories (a great New Year's gift!), available for only $3.00 at the HUB or by calling 451-9691. A few of you have asked why members must pay to buy the directories, rather than receiving them as part of your membership. Unfortunately, advertising income did not cover production costs, so we must charge a small fee in order to break even. Your SACWN dues go toward program productions, and we endeavored to make the directory a project which paid for itself. Hopefully, as the directory grows and expands with our ever-growing membership and advertisers, it will begin to do just that. In the meantime, please help support your organization by purchasing a directory today!

Advertisers who have cards in our SACWN Resource Book at the HUB, please send in or drop by any updated cards so our references are current. (Please let us know about out-of-date cards, too.) Members, please send in any business cards you'd like to have on file in our Resource Book, with extras for our interested members. We'd like to support you and your business, so let us hear from you.

Please drop by to see us and our stockpile of information at the HUB. We look forward to meeting you, and look forward to a great year of Networking.

HUBBA HUBBA
Susan Goodrich
Networking Coordinator

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

BRIDGE

This little lesbian went to market,
This little lesbian stayed home.
This little lesbian went to SACWN bridge
And she smiled all the way home.

So if you want to smile, come on over and join our fun games, the 2nd and 4th Fridays of each month. However, in January, we'll be playing on the 2nd Friday and holding the First Annual Bridgeathon on Saturday, January 27th, from noon to midnight. Entry fee for snacks, prizes, and tallies, is $3.00 and must be paid by Monday, January 22. Call Vivian at 452-5727.

GOLF

The winners for the 1989 SACWN Golf season are:

For Season Points:

First Place:	Carole M.
Second Place:	Melody R.
Third Place:	Harriet M.
Fourth Place:	Kathryn H.

For Low Gross:

First Place:	Lisa G.
Second Place:	Jennie S.
Third Place:	Diane R.

For Low Net:

First Place:	Linda K.
Second Place:	Jo L.
Third Place:	Carole M.

We are still seeking an interested individual to chair the 1990 season but there will be a committee meeting in February or March to make plans. It may be operated from a group focus. We really enjoyed the '89 season and look forward to playing again in Spring. Until that time, calls regarding serving on the committee or for information can be directed to Melody, 392-3609. We'll see you in Spring.

SINGLES ONLY

We have a new Singles coordinator. As of newsletter deadline, the January event was in the planning stages. Call Cheryl at 452-1687 for details.

ACA OR DYSFUNCTIONAL FAMILIES

There is more to Step 4. Step 4 states "made a searching and fearless moral inventory of ourselves." Since January is the month for implementing innovations, then confronting and uncovering ineffective behavior sounds like a great way to start off the year. A little forceful maybe, but with the strength we find in studying the problem, fearless solutions are evolving.

The dates are December 14th and December 28th, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Call Sharon, 454-6056.

OUTDOOR RECREATION

Call Ellen, 441-7962.

SELF-EMPLOYED WOMEN

Call Aeriel, 452-5503.

METAPHYSICAL/SPIRITUAL

Do you prefer to explore spirituality within a group of supportive women instead of more traditional means? Are you interested in rituals, celebrations, meditations, and more? Do you have energy and interests to share? If so, come and join the metaphysical group. In January, we will do Tarot readings and take a weekend trip to Point Reyes. For more information, call Karen, 452-3091.

LESBIAN MOTHERS AND KIDS

Names are being collected to reactivate this group. Call Madlyn, 487-2726, and let her know your ideas for group activities.

THE BOOK GROUP

Is one of your New Year's resolutions to be more social in the Gay '90s? If so, think about joining the Book Group. The books for the first three months of this new year are: January - *A Lesbian Love Advisor* by Celeste West, February - *The Other Sappho*, by Ellen Frye, and March - *The Handmaiden's Tale* by Margaret Atwood. We meet on the third Sunday of each month at 3 p.m. and we would like to have you join us. For more information, call Gretchen at 922-6287.

SOBER AND SOCIAL

This group is being discontinued for now, as there are not enough people interested in it at this time.

LATE-BLOOMING LESBIANS

We are starting the New Year with a game. Our social will be an evening of games, socializing, and food. Join us with your favorite game and a dish to share at Debbie's and Sue's, January 20th, at 4 p.m. Support group on Wednesday, January 24th at 7 p.m. Call Debbie P., 725-3449 or Debbie S., 988-0719.

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RELATIONSHIP ADDICTION

We are forming a support group for women who go from relationship to relationship or who feel incomplete if they're not in a relationship. We're based on Robin Norwood's two books, *Women Who Love Too Much* and *Letters From Women Who Love Too Much.* This is going to be a 12-step study group, also. We meet every Thursday night. Do something for you and for your future. Call Judie, 973-1141.

CULTURE CLUB

k.d. lang. The opening night of "Steel Magnolias." "Carhops in Bondage." The play "Quilters." "Messiah Sing-Along." Brunch, then the Crocker Art Museum. We were there!

Coming up: The American Ballet Theater, Faust, the Sacramento Symphony, a museum trip to San Francisco. And much, much more . . . We'll be there. That's who we are. That's what we do.

The Culture Club. Ann, 383-9257.

DANCE

The Country Western dance lessons on Tuesdays have been discontinued. Ballroom lessons, including the rumba and cha cha, will be given during January. We continue to meet at 4 p.m. on Sundays at Partners, 2676 24th Street at 2nd Avenue. A big thank you to Barbara Disney of Partners for her help. By group consensus, your gay male friends are welcome. (As our group meets in a public place, we are not able to limit attendance to SACWN members). We'll be taking a hiatus from lessons in February, so don't delay. Come dance today! For more information, call Patricia, 646-6482.

Happy New Year to all of our Special Interest Group participants and facilitators! We're eager to entertain your ideas for new groups as we grow and expand in 1990. SIGS have brought in many new SACWN members and are providing a place for women with common interests to gather and meet in smaller groups. Please call Ellie, 967-0611, with ideas and/or concerns. Last month's SIGGY to Patricia (Dance) was a gift certificate to Lioness. This month's SIGGY goes to Ann of Culture Club. Welcome to new SIG participants and thanks to "old" ones for helping this very special part of SACWN thrive. Thanks to Kathy Mullen for the energy and hard work she brings to this committee.

Ellie Zacks, S.I.G. Coordinator
Kathy Mullen, Associate

CALENDAR

This newly-formatted calendar incorporates the "In The Community" column and the regular SACWN calendar of meetings and events.

January 19, 1990 - SACWN "A Song and a Laugh"

February 17, 1990 - SACWN Valentine Dance

January 2, 1990 - SACWN Steering Committee

January 9, 1990 - SACWN Newsletter Committee

January 19, 20, 21 and 26, 27, 28, 1990 - "Charlie and MaeFlower", a comedy-drama by Fran Nikas. Benefit performance: $25. 483-9283. Unitarian-Universalist Society. 2425 Sierra Blvd., Sacramento.

Women's Rap Group and Social. Every Monday evening, 7 - 9 p.m., Lambda Center, 1931 L Street.

Lesbian and Gay TV Programming, Thursday, 6:30 -7:30 p.m., Sacramento Cable TV, Channel 63.

Women's Employment Service and Training (EST). Sacramento Women's Center, 916/441-4207.

Spokes Womyn Bicycle Club. Short and long-distance rides, call Launa, 916/447-6270.

Gay and Lesbian University of California Employees, John Bennett, 916/457-3634.

"Outlook" monthly Lesbian and Gay video magazine. Mondays 10 p.m., Cable Channel 47.

Lesbian and Gay Friends of Animal Rights. 916/921-1391 or 372-1431.

Lesbian Crisis Line, Monday - Friday, 3 - 9 EST, 1-800-221-7044.

If you have any "In the Community" news, information on events or special functions, or ideas for this column, please call Theresa at 916/452-8372.

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Finance Coordinator

Lessons From Davidson Concert

I have just finished my first full month as your Finance Coordinator. Although I worked with Lill last year in preparing this year's budget, stepping into the very busy shoes of the Finance Coordinator has been quite a feat. There are just a few news flashes for you regarding SACWN, Inc.'s finances.

First the bad news: SACWN lost more than $1,500 on the Dianne Davidson Cabaret Show. The good news is we learned a lot about the pitfalls of production events. If SACWN takes on an event of this kind again, we'll know what to avoid. This event served to reassure us that our financial "cushion" (savings account) is a must.

Out of our experiences with Dianne Davidson we have made some technical changes within the Steering Committee that will help the Program, Special Events and other coordinators who deal with contracted services. We have set up a contract review procedure and we are working on systems to lighten some of the load for all of your coordinators.

Soon we will start work on next year's SACWN budget. All the hours that Lill spent last year building SACWN's first-ever budget will make the task much easier in the coming years. As has been reported in the past, we have set some three-year goals. As your Finance Coordinator, it is my job to keep us on course for realizing these goals.

In our efforts to achieve the goals, such as having a paid staff, we will make every effort to provide quality programs that are affordably priced. One thing that you can do as subscribers to help out is to pre-register for events. Pre-registration helps to keep the costs down by avoiding the overpurchase of food and by arranging space that meets our needs.

Jesse McGuinn
Finance Coordinator

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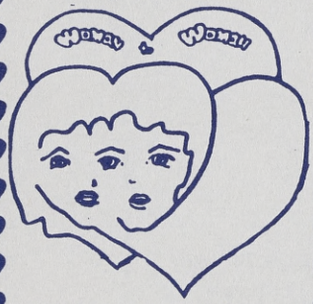

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A SONG AND A LAUGH - June Millington and Over Our Heads

Please make my reservations for the performance
January 19, 1990

Name _____

Address _____

_____

Phone _____

Cost:

		# of Tickets	Amt. Enclosed
Seniors, Students, Disabled*	$5.00	_____	_____
Limited Income*	$6.00	_____	_____
Subscriber	$12.00	_____	_____
Non-subscriber and at the door	$15.00	_____	_____
TOTALS		_____	_____

Make checks payable to SACWN, Inc.
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ANNUAL VALENTINE'S DANCE

Please make my reservations for the Dance
February 17, 1990

Name _____

Address _____

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Cost:

		# of Tickets	Amt. Enclosed
Seniors, Students, Disabled*	$5.00	_____	_____
Limited Income*	$6.00	_____	_____
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